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FORMER ATLANTA CARGO WORKERS SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR CONSPIRACY TO STEAL FOREIGN SHIPMENT OF COMPUTERS

Federal and State Authorities Launching New Initiative to Combat Cargo Theft

Atlanta, GA - MICHAEL CREECY, 27, ARCHIE ROBINSON, 38, both of Atlanta, Georgia, and JERMAINE CAMPBELL, 25, of East Point, Georgia, were sentenced today by United States District Judge Orinda D. Evans on charges of conspiring to steal an interstate and foreign shipment.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of the case, "This case illustrates the need to combat cargo theft crimes in the Atlanta area. There is a new effort in place to address that need: The establishment of the Georgia Metro Area Major Theft Task Force, which will include the FBI, GBI, and other state and local law enforcement agencies. We look forward to prosecuting more cargo theft cases the Task Force produces."

FBI-Atlanta Special Agent in Charge Greg Jones said, "Atlanta has established itself as a commercial shipping and transportation hub. It has, unfortunately, also established itself as a city plagued with ever increasing incidents of cargo theft. The individuals sentenced today are an example of individuals given access to such shipping/storage facilities who abuse that trust by stealing from these interstate shipments. To further discourage such activities, the FBI, in partnership with the GBI, and other agencies has established a Metro Atlanta based Major Theft Task Force. One of the primary goals of this effort will be to rid Atlanta of those that prey on these commercial shipments and give relief to the companies that have suffered so much."

CREECY and ROBINSON were each sentenced to one year and one day in federal prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release. CAMPBELL was sentenced to a term of four years of probation. ROBINSON pleaded guilty on May 7, 2008. CREECY and CAMPBELL pleaded guilty on June 18, 2008.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: In late November 2007, CREECY, while employed at a cargo storage facility operated by "Swissport Cargo Services, L.P." at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson

International Airport, recruited CAMPBELL, a co-worker who was then operating a forklift, to help load several pallets containing a shipment of 112 Hewlett-Packard laptop computers that had recently arrived at the warehouse from Hewlett-Packard's facility in Shanghai, China, and that were to be briefly stored at the warehouse before being shipped to Sam's Club Distribution Centers in Charlotte, North Carolina and Villa Rica, Georgia. CREECY also recruited ROBINSON, who was then employed as a driver for "Bax Global, Inc.," to assist in off-loading and transporting the stolen shipment, using one of his employer's trucks, to an apartment complex in Riverdale, Georgia, where the stolen computers were divided up and distributed. The defendants' conduct caused nearly \$100,000 in losses to Hewlett-Packard, Swissport, and the shipper, "Morrison Express Corporation." The shipping companies cooperated fully in the investigation.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the FBI, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, (ICE), and the Atlanta Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney David M. Chaiken prosecuted the case.

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